

P R O C L A M A T I O N

We, as Americans are a proud nation. America, in her youth and enthusiasm has outdistanced all other countries in her enterprise and in her daring achievements.

Though we are comparatively a new nation, and our Flag a new flag, we are intensely loyal to our United States, to our Stars and Stripes, and to our vast, fertile plains.

In our youthful and somewhat arrogant pride, we are, to a certain extent, forgetting that America is ours only by right of recent conquest. In pushing forward and seeking new fields and building new industries, many of us have forgotten or overlooked the fact that the first Real American, is still with us, - The American Indian.

With five reservations within her borders, South Dakota, perhaps to a greater extent than any other state, is interested in the present and the future of the first Real Americans. The history of South Dakota is colored with the folk lore of the Rees and the Dakotahs and the Sioux. The names of our rivers and our hills and our towns are eloquent of the Indian tribes who roamed and hunted the hills and plains before the invasion of the White Man.

And so, in order that, in our pride in and joyful possession of America, we do not forget those to whom this land has been "home" since long before the arrival of the White Man, - and deeming it proper and fitting that South Dakota thus recognize and pay tribute to the Indian,

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Berry, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim Friday, November 1, as

AMERICAN INDIAN DAY

and I do respectfully request that the Flag of the United States be displayed on all governmental buildings on that day, and do earnestly urge that all churches and schools properly observe the occasion with suitable services and exercises, and I further urge that all individuals, institutions and the Press of the State of South Dakota, do cooperate in thus paying tribute to the American Indian.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this day of October, 1935.

Tom Berry
Governor

ATTEST:

Myrtle Morrison
Secretary of State

(GREAT SEAL)

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